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**RESPONSE**


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This supplements a response filed September 5, 2008 to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 28, 2008.

The Notice required Replacement Sheets of Drawings, an explanation of the changes made to the Drawings, an amended Abstract showing the changes to the Abstract, and an Information Disclosure Statement.

#### Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action noted that a listing of references in the Specification and in a Search Report was not a proper IDS.

Attached hereto is a SB08a form citing U.S. Patent No. 4,433,877 from Search Report and DE 195 43 436 from the Specification. The other references from the Search Report have been cited in the PTO-892 attached to the Office Action. It is noted that U.S. 3,635,303 cited in the PTO-892 is equivalent to DE 1806566 cited in the Search Report. The fee associated with this IDS is paid herewith.

#### Abstract Amendment

Attached is an amended Abstract showing the changes to the Abstract.

#### Replacement Sheets

A set of Replacement Sheets was filed on September 5, 2008. In reviewing those sheets, it was noted that through hole 26 was threaded in sheets 4, 9, and 13 and that the threading had been objected to in the Office Action. Thus, another set of replacement sheets is attached hereto without the threading of through hole 26 and with the changes made in the Replacement Sheets filed September 5, 2008. An explanation of the changes made to the sheets follows.

In Figures 1-13, the European "1" has been replaced with a U.S. "1".

In Figures 1-3, 9-11, and 13 the solid black shading of the drive element is deleted.

In Figures 1-13, flange 2, axial disk 14, the nut and other elements have been properly cross-hatched.

In Figures 4, 9, and 13, the threading of through-hole 26 has been removed.

In Figure 4, reference character 13 has been removed and reference character 12 is not underlined.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,  
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